

# Carefree Driving

## A safe driver's critical edge in winter — good visibility

Safe driving is always serious business, but especially during winter.

Regular tune-ups, fresh anti-freeze, good tires and reliable brakes are important and require all the attention possible, but few of us give any serious thought to good visibility.

The key to good winter visibility can be summed up in four words: see and be seen. A driver's ability to see and be seen is always crucial, but especially during winter when it gets dark early and stays dark later in the morning.

Here are a few visibility checks most safety-minded drivers should make before snow, sleet and freezing weather sets in:

**Clean windows**  
• Windows — Probably the major requirement for safe winter driving is good visibility through the windshield, side and rear windows.

Wiper blades have one job: provide good visibility. There should be no smearing, chattering or skipping during wiper-to-glass action.

The life expectancy of even the finest quality natural rubber blade is

about six months whether used regularly or not, according to windshield wiper experts at The Anderson Company (ANCO).

To help improve winter visibility, the windshield wiper industry has developed a flexible rubber jacket for regular wiper blades that it calls "snow blades." Ice will not adhere to the snow blade and the rubber jacket stays flexible so it can effectively clean the windshield.

It is also a good idea never to switch on your wipers without first squirting washer fluid on the glass. This aids visibility and extends wiper life.

Have your service attendant check your washer pump, all-season washer solvent, lines and jets regularly for clog-free

operation. Be sure your washer solvent is protected against freeze-over. Don't be a "peephole" driver. Brush all snow and scrape all ice from the windshield, side and rear windows.

**Show your lights**

• Lights — Head, tail, brake, side marker, turn signal and emergency lights all should be in perfect working order. Carry a roll of paper towels to clean roadway splatters from lights.

Headlights must operate on both beams and must be aimed correctly. This is a legal as well as a safety consideration.

Bright lights cause glare in fog and falling snow. Use your low beam. Switch on your lights in the daytime, too, if vis-

ibility is poor.  
• Defroster — Pulling onto the road during cold weather without first allowing a few minutes for your defroster to clear away fog and frost, besides being extremely dangerous, can lead to a quick traffic citation. Switching on your car's air conditioning can clear windows of fog.

If your windshield does suddenly fog, immediately pull off to the side of the road and wipe it clean.

• Mirrors — All rear view mirrors should be checked for cracks, looseness or other damage. Replace if necessary.

Whether in January or July, driving dangers associated with poor visibility are all around you. Be ready to spot trouble before it's too late.



**DON'T BE A PEEPHOLE DRIVER** — For safety's sake this winter, be sure you can see and be seen. Check your windshield washers and wipers, lights, mirrors and defroster before snowy weather sets in. You'll be glad you did.

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## MOTOR VACATION

Despite the lure of jet travel, eight out of ten vacation trips are still made in the family car. Motoring is the most popular form of vacation travel because it allows you to set your own pace and the interprovincial highway system speeds you over long distances to your destination, after which you can stop and sightsee at your leisure.

A well maintained car is a prerequisite for a carefree motoring vacation and a pre-trip checkup is a good idea even if you've been following a recommended periodic maintenance schedule. This will give you an opportunity to correct such items as wheels that are unbalanced or out of alignment which may not be noticed when you're just driving around town, but they can cause severe vibration at high speed or develop an uneven wear pattern in just a few hundred miles of freeway travel.

check. Those with badly worn treads should be replaced before you depart. Be sure to inflate your tires to the recommended pressure while they are cold. If you plan to carry a heavy load or drive at high speed, increase tire pressure, but do not exceed the maximum recommended in your owner's manual.

It also pays to check the fan belt and other drive belts and replace any that are in doubtful condition. In addition inspect the radiator hoses and replace them if they are soft, swollen or cracked.

You should carry the necessary tools for changing tires or making minor repairs. For safety's sake, take along the basic emergency equipment recommended by auto experts — a flashlight, screwdriver, pliers, tire gauge, extra fan belt, spare sealed beam headlight, flares or reflectors and a first-aid kit.

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